



First Unitarian Society  
of Minneapolis

Dear Members and Friends,

When I tune a piano, I'm reminded that every string matters—and together they create harmony. That's how I see our community: a living instrument we tune and nurture so it can play its best for generations to come.

I invest in First Unitarian Society because of the harmony and love I find here—connection, belonging, and shared purpose. You've supported this community because something about it matters to you. The Annual Fund Campaign theme for fiscal year 2027, **Leading with Love**, calls us to stewardship and community as a way of life.

We give, we serve, and we show up on Sundays because this place matters. It's our home—a source of love and belonging in a world that often feels divided and cacophonous. Here, we share a radical message of humanism: that every person has worth, that we all seek meaning, and that we're part of an interconnected web of life. In times like these, that message is powerful—and necessary.

In the past year, we have done amazing things: we welcomed over 30 new members, expanded youth programming, and helped to settle a fifth refugee family. With support from our interim minister, we've defined what we seek in a new settled minister. We've completed our "Fix the Bricks" tuckpointing project, grown staff with Foundation and personal grants, and secured a new building tenant, whilst living out our values of compassion and justice.

Your generosity, combined with staff excellence, makes all this possible. The majority of our budget supports our staff, from our minister to our building stewards, who contribute mightily to the creation of this welcoming, engaged, and active community.

Current annual pledges range from \$50 to over \$20,000, with an average of \$3,050, and a median of \$1,900. Thank you for your ongoing and continued support! Given how critical a role we have in these challenging times, to keep our community strong, we ask you to give generously.

You can make your pledge either by returning the enclosed form or by scanning the QR code.

When we lead with love, we create a future filled with hope and harmony—not just for ourselves, but for all who will come after us.

With gratitude,

Hoyt Drayer  
Annual Fund Campaign spokesperson